

City of Concord Weekly City Manager Newsletter

November 6, 2015

MAIN STREET PROJECT

With only one week of work remaining, North Main Street is in its final stretch before being reopened to two-way traffic and parking on both sides of the street. There are only a handful of tasks remaining that stand between us and a new Main Street.

On Monday, the southbound lane will receive its final top coat of pavement. Due to paving, westerly adjacent side streets will be closed intermittently during the day. All parking garages will remain accessible. Layout and striping will occur on Tuesday and Wednesday, weather permitting, and granite crews will be working throughout the week at the Pleasant Street and Warren Street bump-outs, finishing paver installations. On Thursday and Friday, Warren Street will be closed between the parking garage and Main Street to allow for crews to safely finish the sidewalk bump out. By the end of the day on Friday, the final sidewalk amenities will have been added and North Main Street will reopen to two-way traffic and parking on both sides of the street.



There will be moderate work on Saturday. As a result, Warren Street will be closed for a short time during the day between the parking garage and Main Street. We want to remind all pedestrians that the crossing patterns at the intersection of Pleasant and Main Streets have changed. There is no longer diagonal crossing at this intersection. Drivers should take note that right turns on red lights are now permitted at this intersection. Finally, paid parking will be reinstated on North Main Street beginning on Monday, November 16th.

SEWALLS FALLS BRIDGE

This week's construction activities included continued progress towards the completion of the temporary work platform adjacent to the existing bridge, and the driving of structural support piles for the westerly abutment. It is anticipated that these activities will be completed by the end of next week. Miscellaneous earth work activities around the site will also begin next week.



MUNICIPAL OFFICES CLOSED



In observance of Veterans Day, City Offices and the Concord Public Library will be closed on Wednesday, November 11th. Trash and recycling collection routes will run on schedule, Monday through Friday, next week.

2015 TIME CAPSULE BURIAL

The Concord Historical Society has sealed the 2015 time capsule which is being buried during a ceremony on Saturday, November 7th, at 11:00 AM, at City Plaza (in front of the State House). All are welcome to attend!

Shown below are John Milne, Mayor Jim Bouley, Valerie Blake, City Councilor Brent Todd, and Bill Smith, sealing the time capsule.



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LOUDON ROAD WATER MAIN PROJECT FOLLOW-UP

Continental Paving will be installing permanent pavement on the side streets, sidewalks, and driveway trenches associated with the 2013 Loudon Road Water Main Replacement Project. They will begin at Jiffy Lube, on the south side of Loudon Road, and move east. The 500' work area will move east along the corridor as work progresses. Traffic will be limited to one lane through the work zone. Permanent trench patches on sidewalks and side streets will be completed in about three weeks.

LIBERTY UTILITIES WORK

Liberty Utilities will be working at the following locations during the week of November 9-13th:

- Thorndike Street, from Grove Street to South Street.
- Perley Street, from South State Street to Pierce Street.
- 203-274 South Street.
- Continued random paving on main replacement projects.

There may be delays, onelane traffic, and encumbrances of parking spaces. Work will generally take place from 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday, and 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM on Saturday.

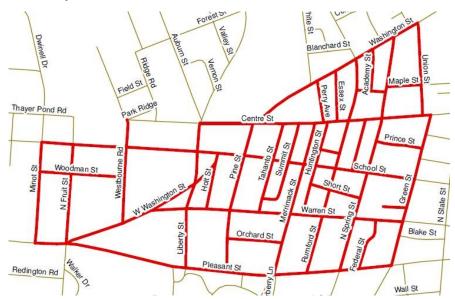
ROUTE 3 CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS

The base course of roadway paving will be completed today. Curbing continues to be set along the corridor and should be completed next week. More sidewalks have been paved and this work will continue into next week as well. Loaming of the disturbed areas has begun and will be ongoing over the next few weeks. One lane, two-way traffic will be maintained through the work zone.



FALL LEAF COLLECTION

Concord General Services began its Fall Leaf Collection Program this past Monday. On Wednesday, November 11th, crews will collect leaves from the school zone area (shown below), as schools are closed for Veteran's Day. This will allow for minimal interference with the community and the most efficient leaf collection for the area. Crews will resume their original collection routes after the holiday.



Residents may also bring their leaves to Earth Materials Recycling Center at 10 Intervale Road for free (with proof of residency). Earth Materials Recycling Center is open Monday through Friday, from 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM; and on the following Saturdays, from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM, weather permitting: November 7th, November 14th, November 21st, and December 5th. During the week of Thanksgiving, they will only be open Monday through Wednesday. Visit www.concordnh.gov/leafcollection to view the Fall Leaf Collection Map and for more information about the program.



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BEAVER MEADOW HONORS VETERANS

On Veteran's Day (Wed., November 11th), Beaver Meadow Golf Course will honor all who have served by offering <u>free</u> 18-hole or 9-hole green fees to all military personnel and veterans (U.S. Military ID required). Carts are \$10.00. Non-military golfers are encouraged to wear red, white and blue.

In other news, Beaver Meadow's fall prices are here, seven days a week:

> 18 holes for \$25.00 9 holes for \$20.00 Carts \$10.00

Come out and play some late season golf while it lasts!

HEAD GAMES A DOCUMENTARY

The Concord Public Library will present the documentary, "Head Games" on Monday, November 9th, at 6:00 PM. This documentary, from the director of "Hoop Dreams", is about the silent concussion crisis in American sports. Athletes from the professional to youth levels share their personal struggles in dealing with the devastating and long-term effects of concussions, an epidemic fueled by the "leave everything on the field" culture so prominent in American sports. Presented Brooke Mills www.LessenTheImpact.org, with support from the Concord Public Library Foundation.

FORMER ALLIED LEATHER TANNERY

This past week, additional monitoring wells were installed at the site of the former Allied Leather Tannery, per a recently updated Groundwater Management Permit from the NH Department of Environmental Services (NHDES). The purpose of the wells is to monitor the post-cleanup condition of water quality at the site. Installation of the wells was paid for with grants from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and NHDES.



CEILING REPAIR AT THE AUDI

The Public Properties Division of the General Services Department made an emergency repair to the ceiling at the City Auditorium this week. A section of deteriorated plaster was replaced after delaminating from the ceiling. City staff cleaned and repainted the area impacted by the repair. This repair was conducted over 40 feet above the stage. To minimize the disruption at the Auditorium, the repair was closely coordinated with a local contracted scaffold company and the Parks and Recreation Department. The "Audi" hosts over 100 events each season that are attended by over 75,000 people. It has been the home to Concord's community-based arts and entertainment since 1904.

\$200,000 GRANT AWARDED TO MERRIMACK VALLEY DAY CARE

On Thursday, the NH Community Development Finance Authority awarded a \$200,000 Community Development Block Grant to Merrimack Valley Day Care for renovations to their facility located at 19 North Fruit Street. This facility serves 67 children, of which 80% are low income. The grant is being matched with up to a \$200,000 loan from the City's Revolving Loan Fund. The childcare center is currently fundraising in order to reduce the amount of loan funds needed.

WINTER BASKETBALL

The Parks & Recreation Department is accepting registrations for its Winter Basketball leagues for children ages 4 through high school. Register on or before Friday, November 13th to avoid a late fee. Final registration deadline for grades 3-6 is November 25th. The deadline for children ages 4 through 2nd grade and for middle/high school leagues, is December 2nd. For more information, visit www.concordparksandrec.com.